

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ohio has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling, that dates back further than the state itself and carries forward to this day; and

WHEREAS, Ohio sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat, and through their license fees, helped fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, upon realizing that license fees alone were insufficient to restore and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations, sportsmen and women supported self-imposed excise taxes on hunting, fishing and boating equipment to raise additional conservation funds; and

WHEREAS, to this day, the Division of Wildlife is funded primarily by sportsmen and women through this American System of Conservation Funding - a “*user pays – public benefits*” approach that is widely recognized as a successful model of fish and wildlife management; and

WHEREAS, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation and to our society; and

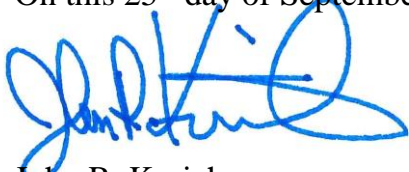
WHEREAS, the State of Ohio recognizes the many and varied social, cultural, economic and ecological benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize Saturday, September 26, 2015 as

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

throughout Ohio encourage all Ohioans to join us in its observance.

On this 25th day of September 2015;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

